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Golden Poo Elephant dung in DEMAND

Children are made to stand on elephant dung on Jumboo Savari ***route this morning.*** *[Pic. by BNR]*

Mysuru, Sept.23 (MTY&BCT)- When you're as big as an elephant, you have to spend a good deal of your time eating. Due to their enormous size, these gentle giants consume 200-250 kg of food on a daily basis. This is enough to produce a whopping 50 kg of dung. And during Dasara, the eating capacity increases, thanks to strenuous routine.

There are 12 Dasara elephants inside the Mysore Palace premises and on an average, they poo around 600 kg every day, spreading out in Palace and the *Jumboo Savari* route where they are taken out for rehearsals. The dung is considered holy by

Belief that it has healing powers sends people rushing behind Dasara Jumbos

believers and there are people who collect the dung for pujas as for them, elephants mean Lord Ganesha.

If some people collect the poop and take it home, some remove their footwear and stand on it as according to them, elephant dung reduces body temperature. Among the elephants, the poop discarded by Howdah elephant Arjuna is in great demand. People queue-up to collect his dung on the Vijayadashami day as he walks majestically carrying the Golden Howdah from the Mysore Palace to the Torchlight Parade Grounds at Bannimantap.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Jayanth, who was collecting dung on the *Jumboo Savari* route, said that his elders told him that there will be prosperity and peace in a family if the dung is brought home and worshipped. "Every year, I make it a point to collect dung and perform pujas. These pujas have special significance on Ganesh Chaturthi Day as it is the Day of Lord Ganesha and he will remove all obstacles in your life," he said.

(See ELEPHANT on page 9)

35 km around city centre to be illuminated this Dasara

Mysuru, Sept.23 (MK&SR)- Among the many sobriquets earned by Mysuru is the "City of Lights" due to the way illumination is done during Dasara and on special occasions and this is one of the main tourist attractions.

Starting from the iconic Mysore Palace to streets and shops in the Central Business District, all Government buildings and arches are illuminated to reflect the land's rich cultural heritage.

This year, the Dasara Illumination Sub-Committee, which oversees the preparations of lighting arrangements, has decided to light up 35 kilometres around City Centre covering 23 Circles. It will cost over Rs. 2.34 crore for the 10-day illumination.

Last year, the illumination was done up to 18 kilometres and the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Company (CESC) had faced flak for frequent power disruption on the illuminated streets, defeating the very purpose of illumination. Last year, illumination was done at a cost of Rs.1.71 crore. This year, however, CESC has taken all measures for tourists and the locals to enjoy the city that is soaked in light. Officials said that thanks to bountiful rains, all the reservoirs in Karnataka are full, facilitating power generation.

(See CITY CENTRE on page 9)

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Moonlight Music on Sept.25

Mysuru, Sept.23- As part of Suttur Mutt monthly moonlight music programme, **Vid. Tirumale Srinivas** will present a vocal concert at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city at 6 pm on Sept.25.

Vid. Tirumale Srinivas

Born in a family of musicians, Vid. Srinivas has served as an Akashavani artiste at Bengaluru for over two decades.

Currently serving as the head of Bengaluru's Samanvaya Kala Kendra, he has over 250 albums to his credit.

He will be accompanied by **Vid. M. Keshava** on violin, **Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma** on mridanga and **Vid. Tirumale Gopi Shravan** on morching.

Vidwan M. Keshava, a native of Mysuru, learnt his first lessons in music from his mother Anuradha Mohan. Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma is a renowned mridanga maestro and is currently serving as a senior artiste at Bengaluru Akashavani.

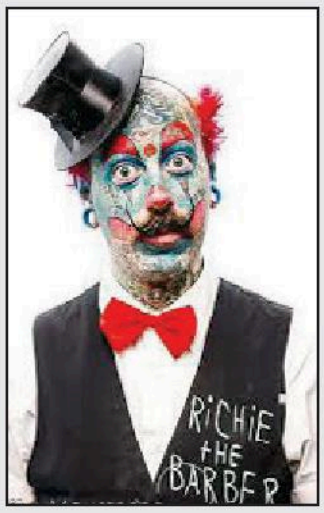
Vid. Tirumale Gopi Shravan is a disciple of Vid. A.V. Anand. He has been hosting 'Layalahari' musical programmes at Bengaluru's Ayyanar College of Music for over three decades.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

KNOW THE 'MODERN' INDIAN GIRL: ***Who is the "modern Indian girl"? Definitely not someone who is educated and independent, but one who is "imitating men in fashion, ambition and professional endeavours", says a chapter titled "The Modern Indian Girl" in a book*** *Current School Essays and Letters* ***by Purabi Chakraborty meant for secondary and higher secondary ICSE, ISC and CBSE students. Social media was abuzz on Tuesday lambasting the book for such description. If one goes by the posts — the discussion was kicked off by one Abhik Hazra on Facebook who found the essay in a relative's book — the chapter purportedly says "saris no longer find a space in a modern girl's stock of garments" because she "likes to wear jeans, pants and hot pants." A few more 'gems' from the chapter include: "She no longer wants to confine herself to the four walls of the house"; "she is more a self-centred creature than a loving daughter or sympathetic sister"; "she talks and makes friendship with the boys more freely and easily". —In Business Standard***

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man to clown!



Los Angeles: Richie the Barber, wanted to be a clown for as long as he can remember, but instead of simply putting on makeup from time to time, he decided to tattoo his face, cut his hair and get silicone implants to become a permanent clown. He has a big red mouth, red nose, large red eyebrows, dyed hair that only grows on the sides of his head, a blue face, fancy mustache and the colourful attire of a performer. The mouth and nose are tattooed, as is the blue makeup and all the artwork decorating his face, eyebrows are actually enhanced by silicone implants. His obsession with clowns and the face tattoos did affect his personal life, as his girlfriends would always dump him because of them, but he didn't let that stop him from fulfilling his dream.

Guy fakes his kidnap to go for a drink

Blackpool: A 45-year-old man from Blackpool, England, faked is own kidnap to go out drinking with his friends. But he was caught and jailed for 16 weeks and missed the birth of his child.

The man, Leigh Ford, made several frantic phone calls to his pregnant partner Zoe Doyle, telling her that he had been kidnapped and that he was going to be tortured unless she transferred all the money she had into the kidnappers' bank account.

But Zoe informed the Police. When Leigh himself came home like nothing had ever happened, the Police who were waiting for him, took him into custody and after asking him a few questions, they arrested him for wasting police time and resources.

After being shown video evidence of himself and two friends leaving a shop and carrying booze, he confessed to making up the whole kidnapping thing.

Leigh Ford apologized to his girlfriend for putting her through such an ordeal.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is a natural way to remove age spots?

Coconut oil has been shown to be effective at removing age spots. The active ingredient in coconut oil is lauric acid. It helps fade age spots while reducing other visible signs of aging, such as crow's feet and fine lines on the face. Rub twice a day onto effected area until it absorbs into the skin.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Prize-winning athletes

Skandan *Febin* *Sangeetha* *Ananya*

Mysuru, Sept.23- U.K. Skandan, a first Pre-University student of Jnanodaya PU College, has secured second place at the Taluk-level athletics conducted by the Department of PU Education recently.

Febin Shabu, a first PU student, secured second place at the District-level Karate Competition qualifying him to compete at the State-level competition.

Sangeetha Bisht and Ananya Jois have been selected to the State-level Basketball team and will compete in the tournament to be conducted by the Department of PU Education.

Excel in Ball Badminton

The students of Vidyavardhaka High School, Seshadri Iyer Road, have secured 1st place in Ball Badminton Contest organised by Government High School in Vinayakanagar, North Zone recently. Picture shows *(standing)* ***S. Aishwarya, S. Sneha, M. Keerthana, S. Manisha, Saniya, Angel, Harini and Shima Khalid;*** *(sitting)* ***M.S. Uma (Vice-Principal), P. Vishwanath (Secretary) and Muniraj (Physical Education Teacher).***

Really...?

- ***Human memory recalls events seven times faster than they really happen.***
- ***Having hookworms inside your body can protect you from asthma. Some people have deliberately infested themselves with hookworm to get rid of their asthma.***
- ***Dust is partly made up of dead skin cells. Dust is an accumulation of many materials, including dirt, animal dander, sand, insect waste and even dead skin cells. "In fact, each time you vacuum, you are picking up dead skin cells off the floor, the chair, and the walls.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Hubby (frantically calls up Hotel Manager from his hotel room): *Please come fast, I am having an argument with my wife and she says she will jump off the window of your hotel.*
Manager: *Sir, I am sorry, But it's your personal matter.*
Hubby: *Idiot, the window is not opening!!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.24
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.44
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.67
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.02

VOICE OF THE READER

Vehicle lifting by Traffic Police: Some suggestions

Sir,

Recently I was shopping in our neighbourhood and it being a Sunday afternoon, there were not many vehicles on the road. There were some shoppers in the area and many of them were shopping in the Mega Store on Hebbal Main Road and parked their two-wheelers in front of the Store which is a normal practice. There is no 'No Parking' sign on this side of the road but on the opposite side, which means parking in front of the store is entirely permitted and there is no blockage of the road by doing so either, as the other side is a permanent 'No parking' zone.

Suddenly there is commotion and all the shoppers rushed outside to safeguard their vehicles from the Police as the two-wheeler lifting squad had swooped down on the two-wheelers and some vehicles whose owners were not quick enough to move them on to the footpath were whisked away in a few seconds. There was no warning or announcement as is required, no need for this action as the road was empty and no justification as the vehicle parking was not illegal.

Actions like this by the Traffic Police poses several questions like the intent of lifting vehicles parked on the roads, the methodology of resorting to this drastic action and the impact on the general public who do not want to violate traffic rules but are punished by the rude action taken against them.

1. Why are the Police lifting vehicles which are parked rightly on the roads and why an announcement is not made before lifting them?

2. Why not demarcate areas as 'Zero tolerance' zones as they do in Bengaluru and then if violations are found, resort to this extreme action?

3. Why remove vehicles in very sparse traffic areas like residential areas and at times of low traffic density such as holidays and late afternoons and nights?

4. And finally, why remove vehicles which are rightly and legally parked and harass those who obey traffic rules?

Apparently the lifting of vehicles is being done nowadays as a matter of routine and not to really punish those who obstruct smooth movement of traffic. One can only surmise that the assignment is lucrative for the Police while it is a nightmare for the motorists. The general public has no option but to nurse a fear nowadays of not finding their vehicle when they return from their shopping.

In most cases, the 'No parking' boards are so small or defaced that most people who are caught, do not know what is their offence. Why not mark them properly and in a visible manner and create 'No parking' zones only if required? (The photographs of signs attached are from the same spot and the signs are stuck with private stickers!)

I feel the Traffic Police has to change their approach for punishing the motorists lock stock and barrel and focus on those who really violate rules by over-speeding or signal jumping.

—Shivaram Nayak

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Bags 'Best Project of the Year' Award

Mysuru, Sept.23- Karnataka State Council for Science & Technology (KSCST) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, had jointly organised a State-level Seminar and Exhibition of final year Engineering Projects at Bapuji Institute of Engineering and Technology (BIET) College in Davangere recently.

The project titled 'Rider Safety System Using Embedded System,' carried out by the final year students — **Rahid Ahmed, N. Purushotham, V. Thulasi** and **M. Chethan** — under the guidance of **Dr. L. Yathisha,** Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, was adjudged as the 'Best Project of the Year.'

This project was supported by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka and Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

The project was implemented in real time on a Bajaj Pulsar Bike. The bike provides three-way safety to the owner/ driver.

Seen are** (from left) **Dr. K. Prakash, Dr. L. Yathisha (Project Guide), Dr. L. Basavaraj (Principal, ATMECE, Mysuru), Rahid Ahmed, Purushottham, Thulasi (students) and Dr. P.K. Mahesh, Head, Dept. of ECE, ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, behind the bike on which the project has been implemented.

The bike does not start without the helmet shown on bike, simultaneously detecting whether alcohol has been consumed by the driver plus without the thumb print of registered driver thereby avoiding bike theft, helmetless-driving as well as drunken-driving.

For details, contact Associate Professor Shashidhar S. Gokhale on Mob: 94801-91567.

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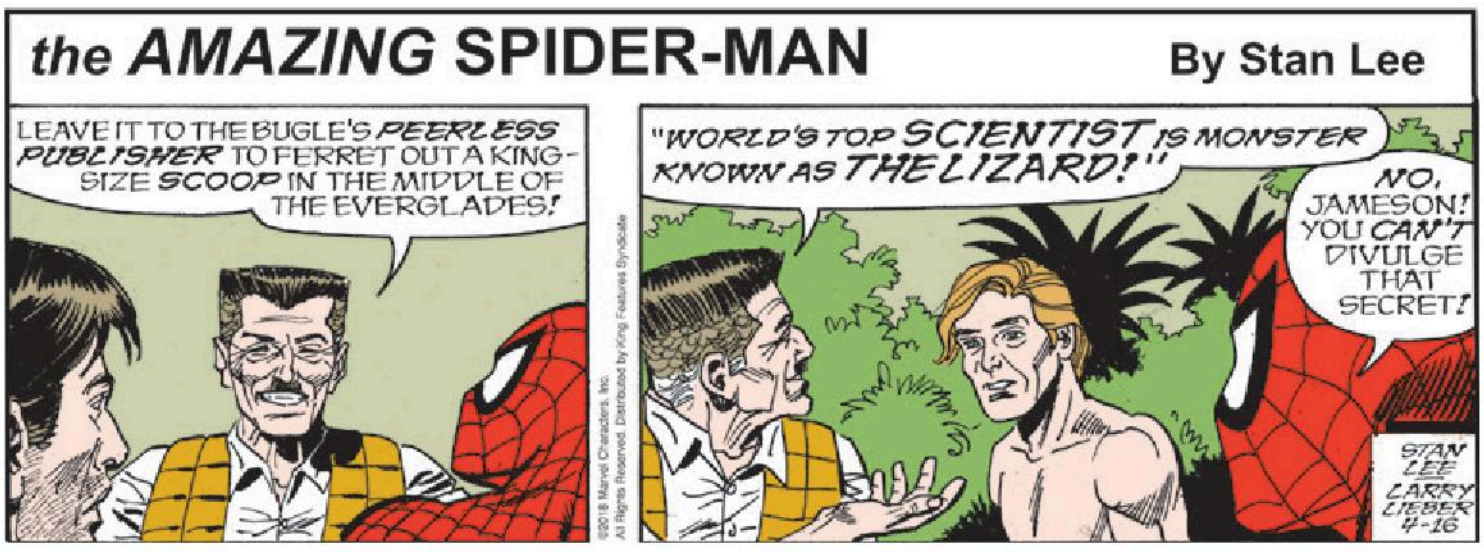
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NEWS BRIEFS

Annual meeting

The Annual General body Meeting (AGM) of Heal Souharda Vividhoddesha Sahakari Niyamthi for the year 2017-18 will held on Sept.24 at 11.30 am at District Co-operative Union Complex building, Chamaraja Double Road in city. District Co-operative Union Vice-President S.N. Renuka will preside over the meeting.

Inauguration

The newly constructed swimming pool at Kautilya Vidyalaya will be inaugurated by DCP N. Vishnuvardhana on Sept.24 at 11 am at its School premises in Dattagalli, Kanakadasanagar. School Chairman Kautilya R. Raghu will preside.

Direct interview for agents

The direct interview for appointment of agents for providing Postal Life Insurance and Rural Postal Life Insurance will take place at the office of the Senior Superintendent of Posts, Yadavagiri, in city at 11 am on Oct.16. The candidates must have passed PUC and be in the age group of 18 to 60 years. The agents will be paid incentives based on the Insurance business they do. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2417307/ 308.

KSOU Admission on Sept.30

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) is conducting the admission process to various courses it offered even during government holiday on Sept.30. Students can seek the admission on this day also in all its Regional Centres and Varsity campus. Students can pay fees at KSOU counters that will be opened for the benefit of the students on the occasion. Interested are requested to make use of this facility, according to a release form the Registrar.

Sahaja Ranga: Entries invited

City-based Niranthara Foundation is conducting 25-day theatre and personality development training camp under the banner Sahajaranga-2018 from Sept.30 to Oct.24 at Gandhi Bhavan in Manasagangothri. Classes will be conducted from 4.45 pm to 8 pm. The training is open for only 30 participants. Preference will be given for those who come first. Experts will also teach regarding the areas of art, environment, local art and culture, life values to the participants. Interested persons are requested to apply for the same at the Office of Niranthara, Saraswathipuram First Stage, Kantharaj Urs Road, Opposite TTL College in city, stated the release. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2544990 or Mob: 99806-36620.

Farmers yet to get benefits of farm loan waiver

By Nagaiah Lalanakere

Mandya, Sept.23- Although the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government announced farm loan waiver in its budget, the scheme is yet to reach the beneficiary farmers, as the banks are yet to get directions from the Government in this regard. With no proper mechanism in place for farm loan waiver, banks are continuing to serve notices to defaulting farmers, which has left the farming community to ponder over.

In the absence of clear yardstick and guidelines, the banks, both public sector and District Co-operative Banks, are driven to confusions.

Be that as it may. The Mandya DCC Bank is yet to receive the guaranteed fund for the farm loan waiver upto Rs. 50,000 announced by the Siddharamaiah led Congress Government months ago. Even as the confusions over Siddharamaiah's farm loan waiver is yet to be cleared, CM H.D. Kumaraswamy's announcement on farm loan waiver has sent the banks into a tizzy.

The farm loan waiver in Public Sector Banks announced by CM Kumaraswamy, had no clarity and set of guidelines for the implementation of the scheme.

Kumaraswamy in his budget presented on July 12, 2018 had declared that consent loans upto Rs. 1 lakh as on July. 10, 2018 and crop loan upto Rs. 2 lakh (From April 1. 2009 to Dec. 31, 2017) would be waived off. But the State Government is yet to come up with clear guidelines on a proper mechanism for implementing the farm loan waiver.

Even though the Government has promised to remit the amount due to the banks in four equal instalments sans any interest, the bank's are refusing to accept the Government's take as the banks does not have the power to independently take decisions on interest waiver. It is only the RBI and the Bank Management Boards that one vested with the powers to waive off loans. With the bank's hesitating to implement farm loan waiver in the absence of clear cut and unambiguous guidelines, the farmers are caught in the crossfire between the State Government and banks.

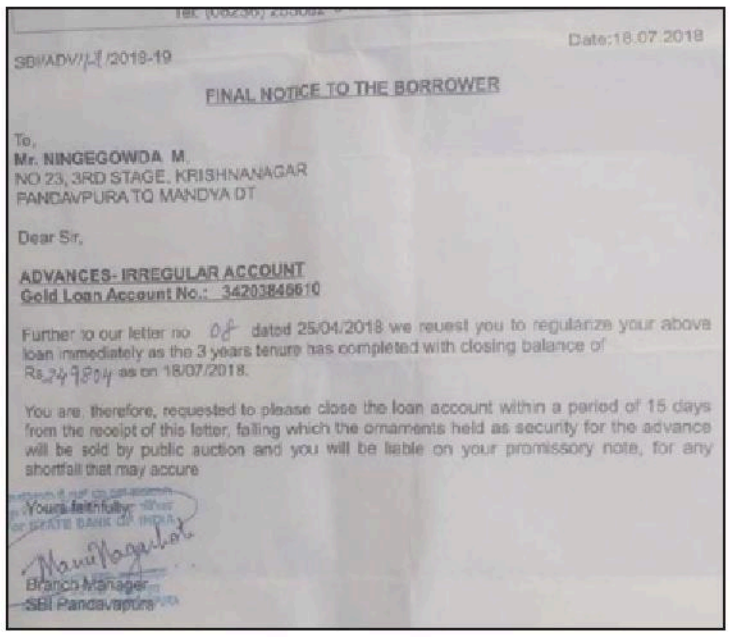
Even as the farmers have stopped repayment of loans following the announcement of farm loan waiver, the banks have continued to serve notice to all farmers who have defaulted on loan repayments. This action of the bank's has upset the farmers, who were eagerly awaiting waiving off.

Ballarigowda

A total of 1,15,272 farmers had benefited from the farm loan waiver in Co-operative Banks announced by the previous Siddharamaiah Government, when Rs. 462,07,14,035 was waived off. But the Government has compensated the Mandya DCC Bank with just Rs. 409,27,38,127 with a deficit of Rs. 52,79,75,908.

In Mandya, more than 1.75 lakh farmers have availed loans from DCC and Public Sector Banks over the past four years and a majority of them have failed to repay loans. As such, these Banks are yet to get back Rs.3,000 crore along with interest. With the farm loan waiver yet to practically take off, the Government announcement lies only on paper.

Amidst all this, the bank's refusing to pay heed to the Government' s mere announcement sans any clear guidelines, have resumed auction of jewellers, vehicles and other properties pledged by the farmers for availing loans.



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Branch Manager
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However, the banks are faced with severe opposition from the farming community for the auction of pledged articles and properties at the taluk level. Following severe opposition at the taluk level, bank branches have started the process for auctioning through district headquarters banks, besides, the banks have been publishing notices in newspaper on auctioning the pledged properties of defaulting farmers.

Meanwhile, Mandya Lead Bank Manager Prabhudev said that although the State Government has declared farm loan waiver, there are no clear cut guidelines or a mechanism. Confusion persists on the type of loan waiver and other issues concerning farm loans.

Loan recovery has been badly hit by the Government's announcement on farm loan waiver and this has hugely affected banking transactions.

Farm loans in Mandya district runs up to approximately Rs.3,000 crore and the bank officials are in a tricky situation, where in they find it hard to explain the farmers who visit the seeking details of farm loan waiver, he said.

Destruction of Raja Mantapa in Srirangapatna

Tahsildar and Revenue officials inspect site

Mandya, Sept.23 (NG&US)- Tahsildar D. Nagesh and Revenue officials inspected the area where the Raja Mantapa was found destroyed near Bannimantap in Srirangapatna recently.

A few vested interests were reportedly trying to acquire the said land belonging to the Maharajas of Mysore for a paltry sum by creating fake documents.

A fortnight ago a person claiming to be the owner of the said land near Wellesley Bridge was reportedly aiming to build a resort at that place.

On learning about that, Farmer leader Kirangur Papu with other local villagers had complained to the Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner and had sought action on the offender and to restore the iconic structure.

Assistant Commissioner had asked Tahsildar D. Nagesh to inspect the land in question and submit the report. Municipal Officer Krishna, Survey Officer Basavaraj, Revenue Officer Umesh and Village Accountant Siddesh assisted Nagesh to survey the area.

Ornamental lamp post on Dasara Exhibition Road damaged

An ornamental lamp post and balustrades on Nanjangud Road near the subway in front of Dasara Exhibition Grounds were found damaged yesterday. Many balustrades, lamp posts and even tiles on footpath on Raja Marga and around the world famous Mysore Palace have been damaged. With Dasara festivities round the corner and inflow of tourists expected to increase shortly, authorities are having a tough time to fix the damages with very little time.

Duniya Vijay arrested for assault, kidnap attempt

Bengaluru, Sept.23 - Sandalwood actor-producer Duniya Vijay was arrested by the High Grounds Police Station limits this morning.

Duniya Vijay

He was arrested for allegedly assaulting and attempting to kidnap Maruthi Gowda, a body builder, who is the nephew of his old friend Pani Puri Kitty.

Vijay, along with three others, was arrested while Maruthi was being treated at Vikram Hospital.

The alleged incident happened near Ambedkar Bhavan where a body building competition was being held.

The case is in progress and investigations are on.

Obituary

H. Nagaraju

Mysuru, Sept.23- H. Nagaraju (64), retired KSRTC officer and a resident of Hebbal 2nd Stage, passed away on Saturday following heart attack, during his pilgrimage at Dharmasthala.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama at Vijayanagar 4th Stage here this morning.

M.M. Mokthar

M.M. Mokthar (70), retired Superintendent of Police and a resident of Tank Road in N.R. Mohalla, passed away last evening at a private hospital following brief illness. He leaves behind one daughter, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Namaz-e-Asar (5 pm), followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

C. Jayamma

C. Jayamma (64), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away on Sept.20 in city.

She leaves behind her husband Harish, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds here.

Dr. Lakshmi Bai

Dr. B. Lakshmi Bai (83), former Principal of Mysore Medical College, Professor and HoD of OBG at Cheluvamba Hospital and B.M. Hospital and a resident of Jayalakshmipuram, passed away on Sept.18 in city.

Wife of late Dr. Mohan Rao, she leaves behind a son, a daughter, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam on Wednesday.

Puttasiddamma

Nanjangud, Sept.23- Puttasiddamma (62), former Member of Town Municipal Council and a resident of Ashokapuram Layout, passed away yesterday at her residence following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband Mahadevaiah, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial grounds on Chamarajanagar bypass road this noon.

With just 3,000 applications seeking admission, KSOU in a spot of bother

Mysuru, Sept.23- With the deadline to submit application forms for admission (without penalty fee) to 17 courses that were granted recognition by the UGC recently ending on Thursday (Sept.20), the KSOU seems to be in a spot of bother as only 3,000 applications were received by it.

However, deadline for applying along with a penally fee of Rs.200 is Oct.1. The admission, which commenced from Aug.27, ended on Sept.20 (Without penally fee).

Before the KSOU courses were de-recognised by the UGC in 2015, the University used to receive nearly 40,000 applications from students across the country. But the paltry 3,000 applications received so far by the KSOU after the UGC granted re-recognition, has been a cause of worry for the KSOU, which was hoping to regain its past glory with a good number of admissions.

That the UGC de-recognised KSOU courses in 2015, may be one of the reasons for the students disinterest in seeking admission.

Another reason may be the change in rules. Prior to de-recognition, the KSOU used to admit students directly for various courses based on age, sans any formal education. But now, the KSOU is making admission based on the required educational qualification to its under graduate and post-graduate courses, just like any other conventional University, which also is one of the major reasons for the sharp decline in admissions.

With the KSOU degree and post-graduate degree courses being considered on par with other conventional University, employees of both State and Central Government can apply seeking admission to various courses offered by the KSOU.

Even as the KSOU announced new admission (2018-19) for its 17 courses that got nod from the UGC recently, the fate of 95,000 students who had enrolled for various under-graduate and post-graduate courses in 2013-14 and 2014-15, hangs in the balance as the UGC has invalidated the degrees offered in the said two years.

Despite the best efforts of the University administrators and officials to get recognition, the UGC is yet to take a decision on granting recognition for 2013-14 and 2014-15 courses.

Sexual harassment case

Seer and women's husband get anticipatory bail

Mysuru, Sept.23 (SBD&DM)- A city court has granted conditional anticipatory bail to Pandavapura Mahakali Chakreshwara Peetha Seer Vidyahamsa Bharathi Swamiji and his disciple, the husband of the woman who has accused the Seer of sexually harassing her.

Vidyahamsa Swamiji

The women victim, accusing the Seer of sexually harassing her in connivance with her husband during a Chaturmasa programme at Krishnamurthypuram's Rama Mandira recently, had lodged a complaint with Kuvempunagar Police seeking action against the two.

Soon after the registration of the case, the Seer and the woman's husband went absconding. However, the Police succeeded in arresting the Seer's another disciple Anil Kumar, on charges of helping Vidyahamsa Swamiji.

The Seer and the women's husband moved the Court seeking anticipatory bail.

The city's Fourth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Krishnaiah, who heard the bail petition yesterday, granted conditional anticipatory bail to the two.

Banks asked to provide software for farm loan waiver

Bengaluru, Sept.23- Even as Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) has announced farm loan waiver in public sector Banks, the Commissioner for Land Survey and Land Records Munish Moudgil has asked public sector Banks to provide an exclusive software for implementing the loan waiver. In a letter written to Bank authorities, Munish Moudgil has said that a software featuring all aspects of farm loan wavier was necessary for the Government to release money to Banks.

The letter further asked Bank officials not to harass farmers, who default on loan repayment.

Man goes missing

Mysuru, Sept.23 (KS)- A man, who had come to the house-warming ceremony of his son-in-law's house on St. Mary's Road in N.R. Mohalla here, has been reported missing.

Mohal

The missing man is identified as 75-year-old Premanand Mohal. He had come to the city to his son-in-law Girish's house and on Sept.21, Mohal went out of the house and has since gone missing. Those having any information about the missing person, may contact N.R. Police on Ph: 0821-2418312 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Migrant workers, tribals stare at bleak future in Kodagu

Hundreds of coffee estate labourers from Assam and West Bengal stuck in 'no man's land'

Madikeri/ Kushalnagar, Sept.23 (PS,AG&BCT)- While coffee plantation owners and landlords who have lost vast swathes of land due to floods and landslides in Kodagu are piecing together their lives bit-by-bit, trying to start from a scratch, landless labourers, tribals and migrant workers from places like Assam and West Bengal are staring at bleak future.

Still housed at various relief camps, these people do not have anywhere to go. While their children run around in the narrow verandas of a Government School where a relief camp has been set up, a group of older men and women squat on the steps of the building indulging in deep conversation about their future.

There are hundreds of people from Assam, West Bengal and even Bangladesh who had come to Kodagu two to three years back to work in coffee estates. They have tagged along their families as the requirement is large in labour-short Kodagu. They were rather leading a comfortable lives within the confines of coffee estates in the line houses provided by their estate owners.

However, their lives were literally displaced as thousands of acres of coffee estates were washed away in landslides where mountains came crashing and earth caved-in. Their services were greatly valued as Kodagu faces a severe shortage of labour especially during coffee picking season. As fate willed it, now they are unwanted resources. Even the District Administration seems to have washed its hands off when it comes to these migrant workers.

Kodagu accounts for 1,07,089 hectares of the 2,44,785 hectares coffee plantations in Karnataka. Now, over 41,526 hectares of coffee plantations have been destroyed in Kodagu. With the top soil and all nutrients lost due to landslides, the existing land is of little use to the owner.

Officers manning the relief centres told *Star of Mysore* that they would ask the coffee planters to take back the workers. But if they refuse, the migrant workers have no choice but to return to their native places. "We cannot force the landlords to take back the workers as they themselves are staring at uncertain future as their estates are buried deep under soil," said a Panchayat Development Officer (PDO).

Landslides have brought tonnes of debris, including boulders and slush and thousands of acres of coffee plantation have been destroyed. Kodagu accounts for 1,07,089 hectares of the 2,44,785 hectares coffee plantations in Karnataka, the State which accounts for over 53% of India's coffee production, according to a May 2018 report by the Coffee Board of India.

"Over 41,526 hectares of coffee plantations have been destroyed. With the top soil and all nutrients lost due to landslides, the existing land is of little use to the owner," said Nanjappa, a small estate owner at Madapura.

In Somwarpet taluk, nearly 500 families, who were residing at Diddahalli, have been shifted to Bhydahatti and Basavanalli. Their houses are under construction and the Government is constructing over 174 houses Basavanalli and 354 houses in Bhydahatti.

Most of the residents of Diddahalli are tribals and they depended on daily wages for survival and now the situation is they do not have work. They can stay at the relief camps till the Government constructs houses to them. But what next, they ask.

A group of tribals along with volunteers.

THE DAMAGE ASSESSED SO FAR

- **Deaths: 14 in Madikeri taluk, four in Virajpet, two deaths in Somwarpet Taluk. 82 cattle-heads have died.**
- **2,568 houses damaged incurring a loss of Rs.24.4217 crore**
- **22,760 hectares of paddy and jowar crop lost**
- **Silt deposits have been found in 348 hectares of agricultural fields**
- **41,526 hectares of coffee destroyed incurring a loss of Rs.386 crore**
- **8,690 hectares of pepper razed, causing a loss of Rs.53.5 crore**
- **1,804 hectares of areca nut destroyed incurring a loss of Rs.22.56 crore**
- **784 hectares of banana crop destroyed causing a loss of Rs.5.48 crore**
- **559 hectares of ginger buried under debris incurring a loss of Rs.71 lakh**
- **Out of 60.71 kilometres of National Highway 275, 25.314 kilometres fully damaged. Loss: Rs.531 crore**
- **74 kilometres of town roads damaged, causing a loss of Rs.7.5 crore**
- **805 kilometres of State Highway and other roads damaged, incurring a loss of Rs.446.4869 crore**
- **1,792.43 kilometres of rural roads damaged, causing a loss of Rs.591.8548 crore**
- **406 government buildings damaged, 84 schools, 63 primary health centres, 160 anganawadi buildings and 99 panchayat buildings damaged incurring a total loss of Rs.35.2696 crore**
- **2,900 electricity poles, 657 transformers damaged and connections of 20.88 kilometres have been snapped, incurring a total loss of Rs.7.8344 crore**

Elephant Circle to be rebuilt by Oct.5

The iconic Elephant Sculpture at Highway Circle.

The sculpture which was vandalised recently.

The broken Elephant Sculpture removed from the Circle to rebuild the same.

Mysuru, Sept.23 (YDS&DM)- Even as Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Circle at Bannimantap, also known as Highway Circle, was damaged by some persons recently, the Brigade Group, which had developed the Circle with elephant sculpture at a cost of Rs.25 lakh few years ago, has now taken up the responsibility of reconstructing the Circle in its original form.

Soon after the Elephant Circle was damaged, MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha, who inspected the spot, contacted the Brigade Group and requested it to rebuild the Circle.

Following the request, the Brigade Group has undertaken the responsibility of rebuilding the Circle, which is estimated to cost Rs.3.2 lakh.

City-based artiste Seshadri, who has been awarded the tender, has been set a 20-day deadline for finishing the work.

Following the tender, works are going on briskly and it is hoped that the entire work of restoring the Circle to its original form, will be over by Oct.5 before the commencement of Dasara festivities.

Sammscrithi-2018

Raghu Dixit brings crowd on their feet

Former Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde to deliver valedictory address today

Singer Raghu Dixit, along with his troupe — Naveen Thomas, Vijay Gopal and Abhijit M. Rao — giving a live concert at J.K. Grounds in city last evening as part of Sammscrithi-2018.

Cars on display at Auto Expo (Car Mela) at 'Sammscrithi.' The expo is open to public till 8.30 pm today.

Mysuru, Sept.23 (KS)- As soon as Mysuru's own Raghu Dixit came on the stage, the large crowd gathered at J.K. Grounds went crazy with many screaming his name at the top of their voice last evening.

Raghu Dixit was in city to take part in Sammscrithi - 2018, the annual fest of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) being held at J.K. Grounds in city.

Dressed in his signature lungi and *ghungroos*, Raghu began his concert by singing *Kodagana Koli Nungitha* of Santha Shishunala Shariff to which the crowd mostly young doctors danced along with him.

He then sang songs in various languages including Hindi and Tamil in his style along with playing guitar which made the crowd continue to dance. Raghu was accompanied by his troupe members Naveen Thomas, Vijay Gopal and Abhijit M. Rao.

After he sang one of the Hindi songs, a youth in the crowd asked Raghu to sing only Kannada songs to which he told him that there were many people from other parts of the country and hence he was singing songs in all the languages. He told the youth to listen if he is interested or else leave and added that Kannada should be taught out of love and not forcibly.

Auto expo to conclude today

Meanwhile, Sumit Edward of the Auto Expo (Car Mela) Committee told *SOM* that the Car Mela had received good response since two days and added that car brands such as Skoda, Hyundai and Toyota among others are displayed at the venue with dealers offering various schemes to customers. The expo is open till 8.30 pm today.

Sammscrithi - 2018 will conclude today, with former Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde delivering the valedictory address at 6 pm.

World Folk Day observed

Mysuru, Sept.23 (MTY&US)- Marking World Folk Day, the Folk Division of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) had organised a function at its premises in Manasagangotri here yesterday.

A rendition of 'Balanagamma Kathanakavya' was presented by folk singers Bhagyamma, Lakshmamma, Devamma and troupe.

The programme was inaugurated by KIKS Guest Professor Dr. P.K. Rajashekar by playing on a 'Thamboori' and offering Ragi to the 'Madilu' of the singers to symbolise the folk tradition.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rajashekar regretted that urban

singers were distorting the original folk music by altering the tunes. He advised folk students to study not for just a degree but to understand the essence of folk art by good field work.

KIKS Director Dr. N.M. Talawar presided. Folk Study Centre Chairman Dr. M. Nanjaiah and others were present.

Delay in Public Works

The bane of our working system

By V. N. Prasad

Headlines in *Star of Mysore* dated Sept. 17 read thus — "Hinkal Flyover not before Dasara". I was not only amused but also recalled the question I frequently ask: "When do our people learn from mistakes?" I lost no time to call K.B. Ganapathi, Editor-in-Chief, *Star of Mysore* and engaged in a lengthy discussion that prompted me to write this article.

I understand that there were several obstructions while constructing the Hinkal Flyover and these obstructions were not cleared when the site was handed over to the contractor. Consequent delay in commencement of works must have led to several issues like 'Extension of Time', 'Compensation for idle hours' etc. In the imbroglio, there must have been several slips between 'Work Programmes' and progress.

Assuming the contractor had genuine issues to delay commencement and completion on account of MUDA, there is no point in finishing remaining works in a tearing hurry. Quality of finishing is of utmost importance lest we confront another **'West Bengal Bridges Story'**.

In my view, it is virtually impossible to complete the flyover during Dasara. Never attempt opening the flyover — even to light traffic — before completion of works 100 percent. And I request politicians and public to insist on good quality works — especially finishing works that add to aesthetics.

Completing approach roads to the flyover on either side is tricky, especially the junction between the new section with the old. We have a new **BAD** example at Paduvarahalli embankment on this very same road where pot holes have developed between the old and new surfaces.

MUDA, please realize that **"first time is the best time"**. You always accumulate headaches in jobs completed in a hurry.

Poor contracts result in poor public works

Woefully, most public works land up in law courts due to poor inception, poor project planning, poor efforts to minimize time between project approval and award of contract, poor project information in the tender, poor contract clauses, poor liaison works between various government departments in clearing obstructions, poor pre-contract preparations in handing over sites, poor compliance of QAC — 'Quality Assurance and Compliance' — poor documentation of DPRs — Daily Progress Reports — poor attention to mandatory quality checks on the field and laboratory and poor conclusion of projects with a good closure report.

All these aspects speak of poor attention to details by government agencies. Apparently Govt departments lack the conscience to sit tight on preparation of project details to leave minimum gaps between the demands of a contract vis-a-vis implementation procedures. I understand that law courts are disappointed at the avoidable waste of time on account of deficiencies in contract administration.

FIDIC — an International Body that instils fear of performance in a contract

Developed countries woke up in early 20th century to bridge lop-sided approach to projects from concept to completion. An expert agency called "The International Federation of Engineers" known as FIDIC — acronym for its French name Fédération Internationale Des Ingénieurs-Conseils — was constituted. It is an international-standard organisation for consulting engineering and construction with its headquarters in Switzerland.

FIDIC emphasises the responsibilities of each and every division of contract management. Individuals, departments and agencies who cause delays and financial losses are rendered criminally culpable.

Clients – be it government or private — per FIDIC need to frame contracts that are fair in every context to the contractors. Contracts free of ambiguities need to be executed so that contractors can work true to contract ethics. Contractors have the innate responsibility to abide by the contract and ensure minimum loss of time and costs to the client.

Quality Assurance is a matter of responsibility of both. The client receives the assurance document from the contractor and the contractor has the responsibility to conduct on-field and laboratory tests at frequencies per contract, strictly under the supervision of the client duly signed by Material Engineer.

Delays beyond the control of contractor and client are well documented with substantiation and daily progress reports are well documented for posterity. Thereby every site activity has ready reference to facts and circumstances should the legal aspects come into picture.

Contract deficiencies and misrepresentation of facts are deemed culpable in the eyes of law. There are over 100 member countries that include a few from Africa. Surely, India is not a member of FIDIC for obvious reasons.

One-sided Government contracts never work

I have come across contracts where clauses are 'one-sided'. For example, tender drawings are **NEVER** exhaustive. Therefore, 'Bills of Quantities' in the tender are ever suspicious. Many a time, foundation drawings are not precise to site conditions and most of the times, the Government is **NOT** aware of service lines running underground.

The contractor is made to be responsible for ascertaining site conditions before the commencement of works – thereby allowing the DPR consultant go Scott-free. It is always the DPR consultant who is obliged to conduct exhaustive geological investigations and freeze designs based on findings.

The contractor should conduct cursory verifications. Government contracts have a clause to seek contractor's assistance to clear obstructions. This reads ridiculous to say the least.

Therefore, once the successful tender-winner submits the EMI, he has virtually walked into the trap of the contract — a '*chakravyooha*' from where he has no escape — unless he colludes with the department engineers. And this process involves corruption from top to bottom. In the unfortunate situation of contract landing up in law courts, God only help the contractor.

On account of all the probabilities above, soon after receiving the Letter of Commencement, contractors must appoint knowledgeable arbitrators who go through deficient contracts threadbare and start piling reams of letters on client's table to cover the contractor. Fear of losing money at the end of the contract drives the contractors to cajole engineers, collude and share the spoils of deficient workmanship with engineers.

On the sane side of every contract, following are the essences around which contracts should work: **Time** Consciousness, **Quality** Consciousness and **Cost** Consciousness.

Earlier, I had written about two other very small contracts that dragged for years for lack of fundamentals. They were:

1. **Road upgradation from Ballal Circle to NIE- Manandavadi Road junction**
2. **Road upgradation from Vivekananda Circle to BEML layout**
3. **Design shortcomings on the Ring Road**

For God's sake, we are in the 21st century. Projects No. 1 & 2 above — less than a kilometre — cannot take 2-3 years. Contractor's concentration on the project can never sustain with clients being responsible for delays. To add to the woes, contractors are unable to get crushed aggregates due to constant problems in illegal quarrying of stones. With inherent contract deficiencies, QAC takes beating and hurried completion of projects lead to poor quality.

In Project No. 3, in the last 10 years, tunnelling under Railway Bridges has not commenced — an absolute shame. The Outer Ring Road has several other woes. Many junctions with major intersections need 'Grade Separators'. Else, accidents will be on the increase progressively. Typical example is exit from Hebbal Industrial Area leading to Damden Solarium and Sheshadripuram College junction. Other major junctions include Royal Inn, Columbia Asia Hospital and Nanjangud Road, etc.

As a designer, I am not convinced about lack of land availability at Royal Inn junction. If landing length is not available at the Railway Overpass, take the road alignment over the Railway and land it safely at 4-5% gradient. This is never a valid impasse.

Conclusion

Well, politicians and bureaucrats, make money because they need to sustain. But do not make money as though you are going to die tomorrow. Please visit 'Putrajaya'; on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. It is a beauty beyond belief. Allegedly, there was corruption there too. Probably there was a reasonable proportion — 85% works and 15% pocket. **Reverse cannot work.**

I appeal to all to think of the country before filling up beds, sofas and flush tanks with currency. Dirty money begets only worries and your children are likely to burn your dirty money with liquor, drugs and other illegal ways of living.

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35 km around city centre to be illuminated this Dasara

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"We have taken steps illuminate the circles, major roads and junctions with dazzling lightings up to 35 kilometres of area around the city. All major circles will be illuminated with models of Goddess Chamundeshwari and her different avatars, elephant carrying the Golden Howdah and erstwhile Wadiyars who have contributed to the development of Mysuru region," CESC Executive Engineer H.N. Swamy told *Star of Mysore*.

Major roads such as Albert Victor Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, Nelson Mandela Road, Palace South Gate Road, Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, parking space of Karnataka Exhibition Grounds, stretch atop Chamundi Hill, Chamundi Hill Road, Chamaraja Double Road, Basaveshwara Road, JLB Road, Krishnaraja Boulevard Road, Mahishasura Circle Junction to Dasoha Bhavan will be illuminated this year.

Other than this, CESC has also taken steps to light up Chamundi Hill with red, green and blue-coloured bulbs. "We will illuminate Bannur Road, Columbia Asia Hospital, Nanjangud Road, Hinkal and KRS Outer Ring Road junctions. We are using energy-efficient LED bulbs as it saves a lot of power and at the same time, are bright and attractive," he added.

Trees will be illuminated without using any nails to fix wires and all the illumination arrangements will be completed by Oct. 5 to be ready for Oct. 10 when the Navaratri begins.

SPONSORSHIPS

This time, many private companies are sponsoring illumination arrangements. TVS is funding Rs. 5 lakh to illuminate Hardinge Circle, Sony Centre is spending Rs. 3 lakh for Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle, SBI is sponsoring Rs. 2 lakh to light up Government Ayurveda College Circle, SKF Technology has given Rs. 1.5 lakh for Nanjangud Outer Ring Road Junction, J.K. Tyre has agreed to spare Rs. 2 lakh each for the illumination of Lakshmivenkataramanaswamy Temple Circle and Railway Station Circle.

Mall of Mysore is spending Rs. 2.5 lakh to illuminate Kurubarahalli Circle, Rangarao and Sons is sponsoring Rs. 1.5 lakh for lighting arrangements of Agrahara Circle, Narayana Hrudayalaya has given Rs. 2 lakh to illuminate Columbia Asia Hospital Circle, ITC India has given Rs 1.5 lakh to illuminate JSS Circle, Automotive Axle has given Rs. 3.5 lakh for illumination of Ramaswamy Circle and Aishwarya Petrol Bunk Circle. Rane Madras has given Rs 1.5 lakh for illumination of Metropole Circle, Gopalagowda Shanthaveri Hospital has given Rs. 1.5 lakh for the illumination of Gopalagowda Circle.

ILLUMINATED MODELS

CESC will put up illuminated models of Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar at CADA Circle, Chamundeshwari model at Kurubarahalli Circle, insignias such as KRS Dam, Gowthama Buddha, Basavanna, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Jnanpith awardees, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Sir M. Visvesvaraya model at Doddakere Maidan.

Darpana Sundari model will be displayed at K.R. Circle, Ashoka Pillar model at Millennium Circle, illuminated replicas of various animals, birds will be put up at Fountain Circle and models of Parliament, Vidhana Soudha at Railway Station Circle, a giant Gandaberunda model at JSS College, insignia of Mysore Palace at Ramaswamy Circle and India Gate model will be put up near Maharani's College.

LED SCREEN

An LED welcome display board will put up atop Chamundi Hill and *'Hasiru Chappara'* displaying LED Board will be set up on Sayyaji Rao Road. 12 major parks will also be lit up along with Uttanahalli Jwalamukhi Tripura Sundari Temple.

Golden poo: Elephant dung in demand

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After the puja rituals, the dung is put either at the base of a coconut tree or flown in running water, Jayanth added. Elephant poop is also considered to have medicinal properties and its contact with human skin is believed to cure heat boils and certain skin infections. It also cools the temperature of the body and that is the reason why people stand on the dung with bare legs.

Forest Dept. veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj said that elephants eat a host of leaves and are provided with nutritious food. Some of the leaves have medicinal properties and this is the reason behind people standing on dungs so that it can cure heat boils.

In Botswana, where the highest population of African elephants reside, people light up a piece of poop to keep mosquitoes away. Despite the vast quantities of food they eat, an elephant digests only about 45 percent of what it consumes. As elephants are herbivores with highly fibrous diets, much of the undigested material passes straight through them as intact fibres. And this is why their excrement can easily be made into paper products, Nagaraj said.

Forest Department Assistant Rangaraju examining elephant dung.

Dung test: Elephant dung also tells experts about their health. Twice a day, Forest Department Assistant Rangaraju, famous as "nail man", tests poop of elephants to testify the health condition of the pachyderm.

"Elephant dung tells us a lot about its health. We can see if the food is digested well or if there are any worms or insects in its stomach or if the elephant is suffering from a stomach ailment. Dungs of all the 12 Dasara elephants are examined closely both in the morning and evening. Medicines are fed accordingly," Rangaraju said.

Mysuru varsity NSS Wing Golden Jubilee celebrations from tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept.23 (PM&DM)- The year-long Golden Jubilee celebrations of the NSS Wing of University of Mysore (UoM) will commence from tomorrow (Sep.24).

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, UoM NSS Co-ordinator Dr. B. Chandrashekhar said that MCC Commissioner K.H. Jagadeesha will inaugurate the Golden Jubilee celebration of the NSS Wing at 11am tomorrow at Rani Bahadur Auditorium on Hunsur road, Manasagangothri. UoM Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna will preside.

Yadavagiri RIMSE Correspondent Swami Maheshatmanandaji and State NSS officer Dr. Gananatha Shetty Ekkar will be the chief guests, he said.

Pointing out that a celebration committee has been constituted to chalk out year-long programmes, Chandrashekar said that the NSS Wing of the University came into existence on Sept. 24, 1969 when Dr. K.L. Srimali was the Vice-Chancellor.

The centenary celebrations which will go on till Sept. 24, 2019 will feature workshops, Inter-collegiate cultural contests, lectures and seminars, he said.

Former UoM NSS officers Prof. B.K. Shivanna and Prof. Kala Channegowda were present at the press meet.

Short story contest

Mysuru, Sept.23- Marking the 127th birth anniversary of Dr. Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, the Mysore Association, Mumbai, will be conducting a short story contest in memory of the late Jnanapith awardee littérateur.

The contest is open for everyone and one participant can send only one self-composed story.

The story must be addressed to the Mysore Association (Mumbai), #393, Bhandaji Road, Matunga, Mumbai - 400019 [e-mail: *kate.nesaru@gmail.com;* Website: *www.mysoreassociation.in]*

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Public at large are hereby notified that my Client is intending to purchase the property more fully described in the schedule below from one Sri Narayana Shetty. If any person/s has/have any claim/s over the said property or any objection/s for the sale of the same, they may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the address mentioned above within ONE WEEK from the date of this notification, failing which my Client will proceed with the sale on the presumption that there are no objection/s or claim/s over the same. Any objection/s or claim/s that may be raised after the aforesaid period of one week shall not be binding on my Client.
SCHEDULE
Site No. 1543, measuring 12.00 Meters x18.00 Meters situated at 2nd Phase, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, Devaraja Mohalla, Mysuru being bounded on the East by 12.00 Meter Road, West by Site No. 1537, 1538 and 1539, North by Site No. 1542 and South by Site No.1544.
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The General Public is hereby notified that my Client Sri M.B. Ravishankar has instituted a Regular Second Appeal bearing RSA No. 72/2012 against Sri M.B. Mahesh Chandra and others on the file of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore and the same is pending disposal. The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka has on 09.07.2012 passed an interim order restraining the alienation of the property which is more fully described in the schedule below. Hence the public at large are hereby cautioned not to enter into any transaction/s with any person/s purporting to have any claim/s over the schedule property and in spite of this notice, if any person/s chooses to do so, then they shall do so at their own risk.
SCHEDULE
All that part and parcel of the land bearing Sy. No. 212 of Bogadi Village, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru altogether measuring 2 Acres and 16 Guntas bounded on the East by Private Layout, West by CFTRI Layout, North by MUDA Layout, South by BCM Hostel and Road
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Wadiyar as Dasara Brand Ambassador

Royalty sells... Our Tourism Minister takes baby steps

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

BRAND AMBASSADOR: ***Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh in conversation with the Prince, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, at the Mysore Palace.***

I had resigned myself to witness the repetition of the same old Dasara procession this year too as the State Government had appointed the same old Committees and the same themes were being discussed with some cosmetic changes. But surprise, surprise, our Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh has sprung a pleasant surprise by inviting the Prince of Mysore Royal Family to be the "Brand Ambassador" of Mysuru !

Through my articles I have been giving many suggestions for improvement of Dasara procession and Mysuru city, which were royally ignored by the powers that be. But I am glad that at least the Minister, who has a deep interest of Mysuru's heritage in his heart, has done the needful by inviting the Prince to be a part of the heritage and work as the Brand Ambassador for this heritage city.

I do really hope that the Prince accepts this offer. **In case he does accept I have the following suggestion which will enhance the value of the procession multifold.** As a Brand Ambassador he should also be a part of Dasara procession. He should sit in his full royal regalia in a silver chariot, after the elephant carrying the Golden Howdah.

I do not recall any procession in the world where a real royalty participates. This unique procession should be marketed in such a way that next year hundreds of high paying guests will throng this city. This year it is too late but for the next year, two hundred Policemen [reserve] should accompany the *Jumboo Savari* in a **traditional Palace uniform as depicted in the paintings in the Palace** with spears and swords. Imagine the impact !

The Prince also has a Private Durbar during Dasara, which can be actively marketed by the Department of Tourism. The tickets' collection can be distributed with the royalty and the Department as per mutual agreement. I have been crying hoarse for several months that it is time we get high paying individuals back to this heritage city and this is the only way.

Ministers, most of the times, get brickbats but if someone does something really worthwhile like what Mahesh has done, we should be prompt to give him appreciation too. **If Mysuru tourism has to revive, royalty has to be roped in and Sir, you have taken the first step.**

This tie-up will benefit the royalty too in the long run, in case the Prince decides to jump into political bandwagon sometime in near future! The relationship between the royalty and the State is improving and the first signs are the revival of the Jagan Mohan Palace Art Gallery and the Gun House Restaurant.

Let us hope the Rajendra Vilas Palace Hotel atop Chamundi Hill too gets restored and opens for the public. Royalty sells.

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Art Camp at Mysore Railway Station draws huge appreciation

Mysore, Sept.23 (SR)- An Art Camp under the banner of M- SAFAR organised by South Western Railways (SWR) was held at Mysore Railway Station on Friday. SWR in association with Gallery Alternative have conducted the camp to provide a platform to both professional and upcoming artists to enable them to give their artistic expressions news dimensions besides connecting with Railways. SWR has organized this camp for the first time in Mysore Railway Station with a main intention to bring art to the common person. As many as 23 established contemporary artistes, professionals and amateurs arrived from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Gulbarga, Davangere, Hubballi -Dharwad, other parts of the State were taken part in the camp.

SWR has conducted this camp with other objective of promoting the artists by creating a platform-giving vent to their creativity. The camp provided a unique experience not only to artists but also to the passengers, vendors, railway employees and passers-by. Hundreds of them clicked selfies of the artwork created by the artists at the Station.

An art work of workers pushing the loco pilot, tea vendors selling tea at Railway Station, Little Krishna heading to board the train, beggars begging at Railway Station, Chamundi Hill and Train, Toy train, other painting works drawn huge appreciation by the viewers at the Mysore Railway Station/

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Divisional Railway Manager, South Western Railway, Mysuru Aparna Garg said this was the first time such a camp was organized by South Western Railways in Mysore Railway Station. Earlier, SWR has conducted such camps twice at Bengaluru Railway Station. Such camp is organized to provide opportunity for the artists.

Inaugurating the event Chairman, Karnataka Lalithakala Academy, Bengaluru M.J. Kamalakshi said that an artist work is like a penance, which is more than worship. Head of Department, History of Art, Chamaraja Academy of Visual Arts (CAVA), Mysuru Vijay Rao who spoke as a guest of honour thanked the Railways for providing the platform to artists. Kariyappa Hanchinamane, an artist who has taken part in the event appreciated the Railways for encouraging the budding artistes by organizing such camps.

An exhibition of the paintings created during the Art Camp will be on display for public viewing until Sept. 24 on platform 1 of Mysuru Railway Station. Director of Rangayana Bhagirathi Bai Kadam, Executive Director of IOCL S. Varadachari and others were present on the occasion.

Dasara Games - CM Cup 2018

KOA plans to conduct 10 games in Bengaluru

Sports Associations oppose move

MYSURU DASARA
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Mysuru, Sept.23- In this years' Dasara Games — CM Cup — 2018, jointly organised by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), District Administration, Mysuru and Karnataka Olympic Association (KOA), from Oct.1 to 16, according to informed sources, 10 out of the 25 games have been planned to be conducted in Bengaluru instead of conducting all the 25 games in Mysuru.

This move has been opposed by most of the Sports Associations from the eight districts who are involved in fielding the teams in the Championships which for the first time is being conducted in the changed format.

Dasara Games traditionally is conducted as a mega event in Mysuru city only and gives the chance to the sports persons from different mofussil centres to exhibit their talent along with the top players. If the organisers decide to shift 10 disciplines to Bengaluru, many players may not be able to take part in the event.

Hence, a meeting has been called by DYES, KOA in this regard along with Sports Associations tomorrow in Bengaluru to decide on the conduct of the events in Bengaluru.

Many Sports Associations have urged the authorities concerned to conduct all the games in Mysuru itself as the city has all the necessary infrastructures to conduct all the 25 games.

They also claim that the reason given that there no sufficient infrastructure available is not correct as Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium (Multi-purpose — Gymnastics, Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling, Table Tennis), Hockey Ground, Athletic Synthetic Track, University Grounds (Kho-Kho, Football, Badminton, Kabaddi) and other facilities are available in the Heritage City itself.

Gold medal in Chess

Prasiddhi Bhat

Mysuru, Sept.23- Prasiddhi Bhat, a Class VII student of Acharya Vidya Kula (AVK), representing Karnataka, has secured first place (Gold medal) in the Chess Tournament at the Council's National Sports and Games-2018 in the Girls U-17 category.

The Tournament was conducted by the Council for Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi, on Sept.15 and 16 at Hyderabad.

AITA National Men's Tennis Tourney

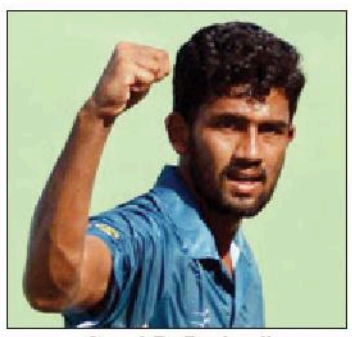
Prajwal wins Singles title

Coimbatore, Sept.23- Mysuru lad S.D. Prajwal Dev, representing Karnataka in the AITA All India Men's Tennis Tournament at Coimbatore, conducted by K.G. Ramesh Tennis Academy, yesterday won the Men's Singles title.

In the final, Prajwal Dev beat Ishaque Eqbal 6-0, 1-0 (Conceded) and clinched the title. Incidentally, Prajwal Dev completed a fine double, as he had won the Men's Doubles title also on Friday teaming up with Kunal Vazirani.

S.D. Prajwal Dev

Suraj Prabodh for Fenesta National Tennis



Suraj R. Prabodh

Delhi, Sept.23- Mysuru lad and Karnataka's No.1 men's tennis player Suraj R. Prabodh will represent Karnataka in the Fenesta Tennis National Championships to be held at Delhi from Oct.1.

Arjun Kadhe is expected to be the top seed in the men's event of the Fenesta National Tennis Championship scheduled to be held at the DLTA Complex.

Manish Sureshkumar, Sidharth Rawat, Suraj Prabodh, Sidharth Vishwakarma, Nitin Kumar Sinha, Mohit Mayur are the other top players expected to compete, apart from national champion V.M. Ranjeet.

In the absence of the system of wild cards for the main draw, the organisers have the provision of two ''Special Exempt'' entry in the men's and women's sections, as well as the juniors.

Defending champion Mahak Jain is expected to be the second seed behind Zeel Desai in the women's event. Sai Samhitha, Humera Shaik, four-time national champion Prerna Bhambri, Nithya Raj, Mihika Yadav, Natasha Palha, Shweta Rana, Nidhi Chilumula, Sowjanya Bavisetti are some of the other prominent players scheduled to compete in the women's event.

The first week will also feature the junior events in the U-18 section. Bright young players Sidhant Banthia, Megh Bhargav Patel, Mann Maulik Shah, Calvin Golmei, Dev Javia, Abhimanyu Vannem Reddy, Ajay Malik are scheduled to be the top entries in the boys section which will be played in a draw of 64.

THIS Week

Talented Tennis Player: D.H. Prashanth

Tennis is a global sport and Mysuru has been producing talented tennis players from time to time who have gone on to represent the country in different levels. Mysuru lad **D.H. Prashanth,** a hearing impaired tennis player, has shown that disability in any form does not come in the way of achieving set goals in life, and he has gone on to represent India in the International level. A product of Mysore Tennis Club, Prashanth is currently representing India in the Deaf World Tennis Championship-2018 which began at Antalaya, Turkey, from Saturday. He is our *'Star This Week.'*

This is the third time Prashanth is representing India in the international level. In the ongoing tournament at Antalya, Turkey, in the first Group 'B' game on Saturday, Germany beat India 2-1. In the first Singles, German's Urs Breitenberger beat D.H. Prashanth 6-0, 6-1. In the second Singles, Sebastian Schaffer lost to India's Prithvi Shekar

2-6, 2-6. In the Doubles, Hans Toedter and Urs Breitenberger beat Prithvi Shekar & D.H. Prashanth 6-3, 7-5. India has been clubbed with Britain, Austria and Hungary with the top two teams progressing to the knock-out phase.

Earlier in 2013, Prashanth had represented India in the Deaflympics in Sofia where India secured 5th place. In 2014, he represented India in World Deaf Tennis Championship.

Prashanth has represented Mysuru district tennis team four times in the State-level Dasara Games and won laurels for the district. He also represented Karnataka in the 20th National Games.

Prashanth is a experienced player and has been a senior player in the district and has been involved in coaching youngsters at the Mysore Tennis Club from time to time.

Prashanth intends to do well for the country in the ongoing World Deaf Tennis Championships in Turkey and bring laurels to the country. Hope this talented tennis player's wishes come true.

SPORTS EVENTS

CRICKET	
KSCA Mysuru Zonal League 2018	
28.9.18 & 29.9.18	Gangothri Grounds, SJCE (Mysuru) PET (Mandya).
CHESS	
Karnataka State Women's Chess Championship 2018	
From 30.9.18 to 2.10.18	Conducted by Mysore Chess Centre at Ursu Gymkhana Club, Race Course Road, Mysuru

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What does the term BFI stands for?
2. In which sport is the term 'Spiker' associated with?
3. The 'PGA Tour' is associated with which sport?
4. Who is the Indian team men's boxing coach based from Mysuru chosen for this year's Dronacharya award?
5. Which are the two venues in UAE were the Asia Cup 2018 Cricket Tournament is being played?

1. Basketball Federation of India 2. Volleyball 3. Golf
4. C.A. Kuttappa 5. Dubai and Abu Dhabi

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Damaged electricity pole posing danger at Yadavagiri

A damaged electricity pole (cement) on Paramahamsa Road near Vikram Clinic in Yadavagiri is posing danger to motorists as well as the general public as the pole is on the verge of falling down. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the damaged pole replaced before any untoward incidents occur.

Plea to clear garbage at Rajiv Nagar

Uncleared garbage heap at Rajiv Nagar near the water tank in Ward No.10 is causing a lot of problems to the people living in the surrounding as foul smell is emanating from it. Also, due to overgrown weeds, there has been an increase in mosquitoes in the vicinity. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Household waste dump attracting cattle, dogs at Bannimantap

Irresponsible dumping of household wastes in front of Kaveri Grameena Bank at Bannimantap HUDCO Layout is attracting cattle and stray dogs. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the garbage cleared at the earliest.

Cleanliness drive held

Mysuru, Sept.23 (KS)- As part of Clean India Mission, Mata Amritanandamayi Math, in association with Amritakripa Hospital, conducted awareness on cleanliness and hygiene and a free medical camp at the Government Primary School in K. Hemmanahalli near here.

The staff, including doctors, nurses and supporting staff of the hospital, Math devotees and volunteers took part in the cleanliness drive besides creating awareness among the villagers on the importance of cleanliness.

Br. Ramakrishna, In-charge of the Math's Mysuru branch, Gen. Surgeon Dr. Vikas Modi, Gynaecologist Dr. Sowmya, physician Dr. Sudheer and others took part in the drive which would continue till Oct.2.

Smart traffic signals replace 50 fixed-time lights in city

Mysore, Sept.23 (SR&BCT)- The Mysuru City Police have upgraded traffic signals with a new software technology to prevent congestion and for easy movement of vehicles. They have installed more than 50 traffic signals at various junctions. Notably, in Karnataka, Mysuru is the second city to have such an upgraded signal system after capital city Bengaluru.

Earlier, traffic signals functioned on a fixed-time mode and now it has been upgraded with automated signals that change colour based on the traffic volume on each stretch. These advanced signals prioritise traffic movement depending on traffic density and VVIP movements. They change colours automatically and in a real-time mode. They support multiple communication methods (GPRS/ EDGE/ 3G/ 4G/ Wi-Fi/ Fibre Optic) for remote operations. They are fully customised with other intelligent transport system like Variable Message Signal (VMS), warning system and speed detection.

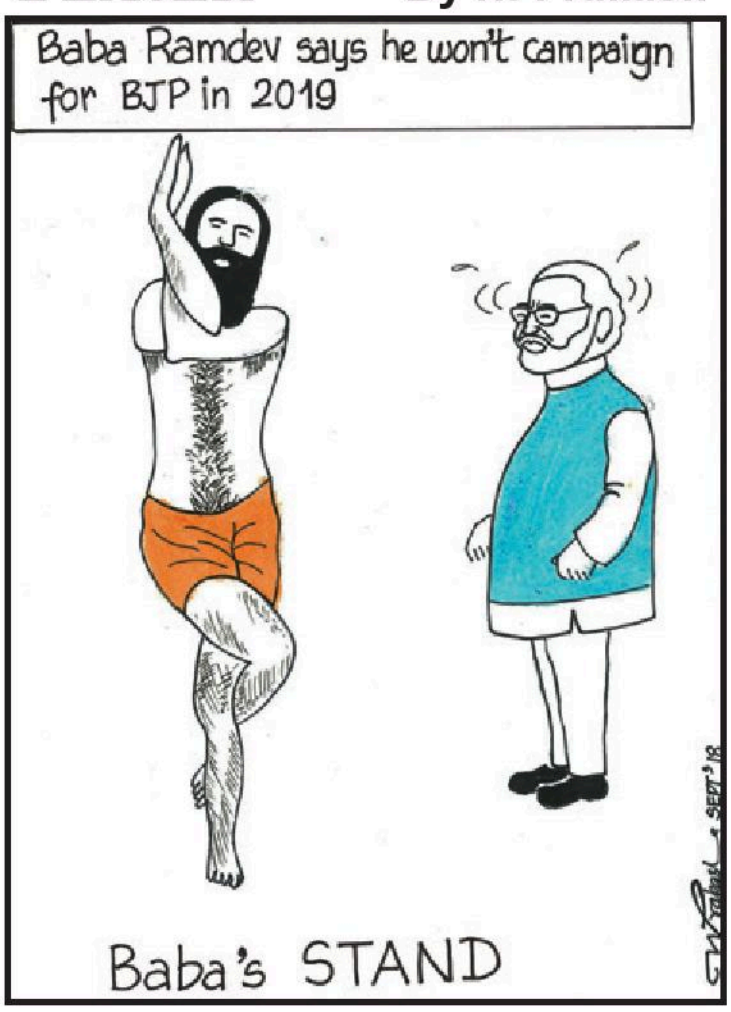
Earlier, it was difficult to control traffic as most signal junctions had manual operations either by the Police or Home Guards. Also, fixed timing mode software system was installed at signals prior to this new software upgradation. Fixed timing system is time consuming and road users had to wait until the green signal though there was no traffic on the other side.

In the new system, traffic signals change automatically on the basis of traffic flow. When there is no traffic flow on a particular stretch, the green light automatically reduces the time allocated to it, said a statement issued by the Mysuru City Police Commissioner's Office. These signals have been installed at 50 junctions and have already begun functioning.

The new synchronisation with one traffic signal with the subsequent traffic signals helps provide prior information to the automated system about the traffic flow and signals and timing automatically changes from one signal light to another, depending on the traffic density.

The system is Control Centre Compatible where it is centrally controlled from the Control Room. The movement of an emergency vehicle or a VVIP convoy can be prioritised from the Control Room by turning the signals on the particular stretch to green or red. Aspects such as status of signal lights, timings of green signal, stage type, automatic and manual mode can be studied qualitatively and quantitatively and information can be generated automatically. Bell Teleservices India is maintaining the new signal light system.

TEASER By N. Prakash



KEA will organise Dasara Expo

if tender process fails, assures Minister

Mysuru, Sept. 23 (US)- Minister for Tourism S.R. Mahesh has asserted that Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) is ready to organise the Dasara Exhibition if none of the private players participate in the tender process.

S.R. Mahesh

Speaking to press persons at K.R. Nagar yesterday Mahesh said that Sept. 28 was the last day for submitting applications for the tender for the second time and added that if KEA organises the expo, stall owners would be benefited with cheaper rent and government too would get good revenue. He contended that goods would be made available at reasonable and affordable rates to visitors at Dasara Exhibition. He recalled that 14 years ago when KEA organised the expo, garments, home appliances, food and other items were made available to visitors at cheaper rates as the shop keepers were getting the stalls a lower rent. He added that KEA could net a profit of over Rs. 2 crore then.

Mysore Industries Association Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain has expressed happiness over the Minister's assurance of KEA organising the expo. He said that 'Industrial Bazaar' was suspended after the expo was given contract to private player. He added that the Bazaar had helped the visitors at the expo get familiar with goods manufactured in Mysuru region.

Women entrepreneur Malini Srinivasan feels that KEA alone should organise the expo to make goods available at cheaper rates which would ensure social justice.

Several women entrepreneurs opined that KEA should offer stalls at very cheap rates or free in deserving cases to women entrepreneurs to showcase their products.

The Minister's assurance has brought cheers on faces of people hoping that goods from all over the country would be available at cheaper rates at the expo.

G.N. Mohan is Mysuru Traffic ACP

Bengaluru, Sept. 23-The State Government has transferred 42 Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCP) and G.N. Mohan, has been transferred as Mysuru City Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Traffic Division. Mohan had served as the Inspector of Nazarbad Police Station in Mysuru many years back.

G.N. Mohan

Meanwhile, C. Gopal, who was serving at IGP (Southern Range) office, Mysuru, has been transferred as N.R. Sub-Division ACP at Mysuru On Official Duty (OOD).

Hassan Sub-Division DySP M.S. Shashidhar has been transferred to Sakleshpur Sub-Division, State Intelligence DySP B.B. Lakshmegowda has been transferred to Holenarsipur Sub-Division, Karnataka Lokayukta DySP Puttaswamy Gowda has been transferred to Hassan Sub-Division, CID DySP M.M. Yogendranath has been transferred to Srirangapatna Sub-Division and Mandya ACB DySP H.M. Shylendra has been transferred to Malavalli Sub-Division.

Awareness rally on bio-medical waste disposal taken out

Mysuru, Sept.23 (RK&US)- A public awareness rally on proper management of bio-medical waste was organised yesterday by Department of Health and Family Welfare in city as part of a project initiated by United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) on 'Environmentally sound management of bio-medical waste in India.'

Over 200 Nursing School students and staff of Department of Health and Family Welfare participated in the rally which took off in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and passed through Ashoka Road and Irwin Road before culminating near the DC's office.

The participants held placards with messages on proper disposal of biomedical waste keeping environmental protection in mind.

K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. Sreenivas, District Health Education Officer Dr. Prakash, District Surgeon Dr. Pashupathi and others were present.

Clear weeds and garbage

on vacant sites or face action

MUDA warns site owners

Mysuru, Sept.23 (RK&US)- MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj has asked the owners of vacant sites to clear the weeds and garbage immediately failing which legal action would be initiated on such owners with imposition of fine.

P.S. Kantharaj

As Mysuru has bagged the Cleanest City tag twice, Kantharaj says that every citizen should take the responsibility of keeping the city clean. He further says that MUDA has been receiving complaints that weeds and garbage on vacant sites was breeding mosquitoes leaving the health of residents nearby in peril. He has asked the vacant site owners to get it cleaned within three days or face the consequences.

Kantharaj has extended the order to owners of Civic Amenities (CA) sites also and the respective organisations owning such CA sites should get the vacant sites cleaned or face action.

Garbage-loaded Kerala lorry seized in city

Mysuru, Sept. 23 (SBD&DM)- Continuing their drive against indiscreet dumping of garbage and wastes in city, the officials of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) seized a garbage-loaded Kerala registration lorry in city yesterday.

Acting on a tip off that a Kerala registered lorry was dumping garbage at a shed behind the cement godown near Srinivasa Theatre on Jodi Thenginamara Road, MCC officials led by Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, rushed to the spot and seized the lorry (KL-57-G-4883). Dr. Nagaraj speaking to *SOM*, said that the MCC has been keeping a vigil on lorries transporting garbage and wastes to the city from Kerala. Following a tip off that a Kerala registered lorry was dumping garbage, they rushed to the spot and came to know that the lorry had brought garbage and wastes from Thrissur, Kerala. The lorry was found to be carrying bedding wastes and other hazardous materials, following which the lorry was seized.

An enquiry will be conducted and a criminal case will be registered against the lorry owner and the waste dealer of the city, he said and added the MCC will step up vigil to ensure that Kerala garbage and wastes are not dumped here.

Health Inspectors Darshan, Ashwath and others were part of the MCC team.

Transportation woes

of Maharani's College students

Mysuru, Sept.23 (SBD&US)- Hundreds of rural students of Maharani's Arts and Commerce College, operating from the new building on Valmiki Road here, are said to be out into a lot of inconvenience for lack of public transport to reach the College.

But for the buses plying on Mysuru-Bilikere route, no other bus stops on Hunsur Road near the College and the students are forced to walk from the sub-urban bus stand to reach the College. It is a common sight to see groups of girls walking hurriedly at 9 am every day through various access roads to reach the College after getting down from buses plying on Bogadi Road. The daily plight of students obviously force them not to concentrate on studies, opine the parents of students.

Students residing in N.R. Mohalla, Udayagiri, Rammanahalli, Hanchya and Alanahalli too find it to difficult to come to College owing to lack of city buses plying on the required route.

The aggrieved students allege that neither the College authorities nor the KSRTC officials were concerned about their problems.

Birth anniversary of Poet Appacha
to be observed as 'Kodava Sahitya Dina'

Star of Mysore ***Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy offering floral tributes to a portrait of poet Appacha at Forest College auditorium in Ponnampet on Friday as others look on.***

Gonikoppal, Sept. 23 (US)- The birth anniversary of ancient poet of Kodagu Haradasa Appaneravanda Appacha (Sept.21) will henceforth be celebrated as 'Kodava Sahitya Dina' in recognition of the poet's immense contribution to Kodava literature.

A decision to that effect was taken at a function organised jointly by Shivamogga Agriculture and Horticulture University, Ponnampet College and Kodagu Rangabhoomi Pratisthana to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Haradasa Appacha Kavi at Forest College auditorium in Ponnampet on Friday.

A declaration to that effect was released by M. Asha Mandanna, Chairperson, Appacha Kavi College Management Council, Ponnampet.

Inaugurating the programme after offering floral tributes to a portrait of poet Appacha, *Star of Mysore* Editor-in-Chief K.B. Ganapathy recalled that Appacha had come out with many poems on spirituality and wished that the poet could have written a few poems on reformation of the social system for which the poet had enough knowledge and strength. He contended that theatre and poetry were powerful tools to correct society.

Releasing a book of Appacha, Akhila Kodava Samaja Working President I.K. Biddappa expressed happiness that Kodava literature had gained importance and popularity despite a thin population of Kodavas.

Speaking on the occasion, Kendra Sahitya Academy Member A. Cariappa recalled that the then Chief Minister of Kodagu 'C' State C.M. Poonacha had conferred the title of 'Varakavi' on poet Appacha who popularised Kodava literature using Kannada script.

Kodagu Rangabhoomi Prathistana Chief Convenor Anitha Cariappa welcomed the gathering. Former College Dean Dr. C. Kushalappa and others were present. Cariappa and other artistes presented a programme 'Amarakavya' featuring poems of Appacha Kavi.

Rotary Midtown confers 'Amaravani' award on Dr. B.S. Parvatharaju

Mysuru, Sept.23 (SPN&US)- 'Amaravani' award, instituted by Rotary Club of Mysore Midtown in memory of M.G. Nanjundaradhya, was conferred on Dr. B.S. Parvatharaju, retired Principal, Marimallappa PU College, at a function organised by the Club at Rotary Hall on JLB Road here recently. The award was presented to Parvatharaju by N.S. Taranath, retired Kannada Professor, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS).

Speaking on the occasion, Taranath lauded Parvatharaju for organising Sanskrit learning camps at various places in the State to make the youth aware of Sanskrit language. He added that Parvatharaju was associated with many language institutes across the country and has won several awards instituted by various organisations. Rotary Mysore Midtown President Dr. K.A. Prahlad, Secretary M.P. Gopalakrishna and others were present.

Eminent Engineers feted

Mysuru, Sept.23 (YDS&US)- Marking Engineer's Day, Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (ACCE), Mysore Centre, in association with Ramco Cements Ltd., Bengaluru had organised a function at the premises of Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust in Vishveshwaranagar here recently.

Eminent Engineers K.N. Subba Rao and Dr. V.S. Gajarajan were felicitated on the occasion.

Speaking after receiving the felicitation, Gajarajan recalled that the office-bearers of ACCE, Mysore Centre, were all his students and added that he would cherish the felicitation for life.

VTU VC Dr. Karisiddappa inaugurated the programme. Ramco Cements Sr. Vice-President (Marketing) K. Jayakumar was the guest of honour. ACCE Mysore Centre Chairman B.R. Badarinath, Hon. Secretary H.S. Deepak and Treasurer H.S. Prasanna were present.

'Memory Walk' marks World Alzheimer's Month

Mysuru,Sept.23 (RKB&US)- Marking World Alzheimer's Month, a Memory Walk was organised by Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India (ARDSI), Mysuru Chapter, in association with Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy in city recently.

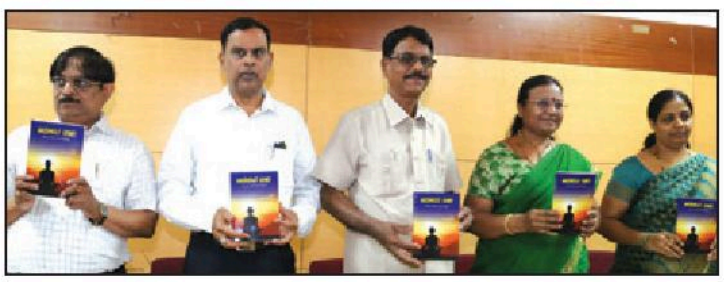
Over 300 doctors and students of Pharmacy participated in the walk with a theme 'Every three seconds, someone in the world develops dementia.' They also carried placards with messages on Alzheimer's disease.

The memory walk was flagged off by DCP Dr. Vikram V. Amathe in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple which passed through Gandhi Square, Devaraj Urs Road and JLB Road before culminating near the DC's office.

Speaking on the occasion, ARDSI Mysuru Chapter President Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi said that the Memory Walk was aimed to sensitise the public on AD (Alzheimer's Disease) which is the most common cause of Dementia and accounts to 50 to 60% of all cases. He further said that a majority of Dementia patients were living in developing regions of the world. He contended that people with Dementia need extreme care which involves substantial psychological and financial strain.

Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions President B.S. Parthasarthy was the chief guest. K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. M. Srinivas, ARDSI Secretary General Dr. M.S. Sharath, Vice-President Ganesh and others were present.

Hindi Diwas observed



Mysuru, Sept.23 (PM&US)- Marking Hindi Diwas, the Department of Hindi, Maharani's Arts College, had organised a function at the college premises here recently. Two books 'Badukuva Dari' translated from Hindi and a Hindi book 'Jnanpith Se Sammanith Krishna Sobathi' were also released on the occasion.

Speaking after releasing the books, retired Principal of Nehru Memorial College, Sullia, Dr. H.M. Kumaraswamy opined that Hindi has words taken from many other Indian languages. He observed that of late, the people were too obsessed with English and said that English was essential as a communication language across the world. However, he cautioned that the obsession should not neglect Indian languages.

College Principal C.H. Prakash, HoD of Hindi and author of the book 'Badukuva Dari' Dr. V. Sowbhagyalakshmi, Assistant Professor and author of the Hindi book Dr. Shalivahana B. Kollur and others were present.

NOW SHOWING

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Sarkari. Hi. Pra. Shale	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Gaddappana Duniya	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Mane No 69	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
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Sanju	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
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TAMIL			
Saamy-2	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
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	(S-3)	10.45 am, 4.30 pm, 7.20 pm
Saamy-2 (Ta)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Stree (H)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Manmarziyaan (H)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Manto (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Batti Gul Meter Chalu (H)	(S-2)	6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.05 am
Varathan (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
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Batti Gul Meter Chalu (H)	(S-1)	12.50 pm,6.40 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 am, 3.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.20 pm
Manmarziyaan (H)	(S-1)	9.45 am
	(S-4)	3.10 pm
The Equalizer 2 (E)	(S-1)	4.05 pm
	(S-2)	7.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 pm
	(S-4	9.55 am
Saamy-2 (Ta)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 12.55 pm, 4.00 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	6.15pm
Varathan (Ma)	(S-3)	7.10 pm

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Iruvudellava Bittu (Ka)	2.30 pm
The Nun (E)	2.50 pm
Sarkari. Hi. Pra. Shale (K)	6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Varathan (Ma)	2.55 pm
Manmarziyaan (H)	3.15 pm
Saamy -2 (Ta)	3.30 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
The Equalizer 2 (E)	3.45 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

57th Heritage Music Festival at 8th Cross Ganesha

Veena duet, vocal recital entertain devotees

A. Ananta Padmanabhan and Anand Koushik presenting a veena duet at 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, in city yesterday as part of the 57th Heritage Music Festival with Ganeshotsava organised by Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust. Picture right shows Ashwath Narayan from Chennai rendering a vocal recital on Friday. Today (Sept.23) at 6.45 pm, Vighnesh Eshwar from Chennai will present a music concert along with Vittal Rangan on violin, Umayalapuram Shivaraman on mridanga and Guruprasanna on khanjira.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 23)

Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI): Sammscrithi-2018, Auto Expo (Car Mela), **up to 8.30 pm;** Former Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde delivers the valedictory address & interacts with the students, J.K. Grounds (near City Railway Station), **6 pm.**

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana: 14th edition of Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, located above Aamrapali Sarees' Showroom, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**

Ganayogi Panchakshareshwara Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru: Pt. Puttaraja Kavi Gawai's 8th Punya Smaranotsava, Vid. Sridhar Jain of *Apthamithra* fame inaugurates, neuro surgeon and Hindustani singer Dr. M.S. Bhaskar presides, M.N. Deshapande of V.P. Falcon Tyres Ltd., Mysuru, **4 pm;** Music Programmes, Ganabharathi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm onwards.**

Felicitation: *Poura Sanmana* to Padma Shree Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, former PM H.D. Deve Gowda and royal family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar chief guests, Indian Science Congress President Prof. K.S. Rangappa guest of honour, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar presides, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

Kannadigara Bhuvana Sangati: 19th anniversary, Sri Jnana Prakasha Swamiji graces the occasion, Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, MP R. Dhruvanarayan presides, Hotel Govardhan auditorium, **4.30 pm.**

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC) Trust, Mysuru: Pallavotsava - National level Classical Dance and Music Festival, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. K. Sharika (Mysuru), **6 pm;** Kathak by Dr. Madhuri Apte (Maharashtra), **6.50 pm;** Odissi by Sumedha Sengupta (Kolkaka), Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.40 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shantivrathanandaji speaks on 'Kaliyugada Vyasa Sri Mahendranatha,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of play 'Dijirido,' School premises, Ramakrishna Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of play 'Manmatha Vijaya,' Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ashwathanarayana Temple Trust, New Sayyaji Rao Road: 41st anniversary celebrations, 'Bhakti Sudha' by Shambhavi Music School's Srivani Ananta and disciples, **7 pm.**

Anima and Animus: Presentation of Dance Feature 'Shiva,' Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja And Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Dashalakshana Parva of Badrapada Masa, discourse on 'Uttama Bhramacharya' by Dr. M.S. Padma, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla: 57th Heritage Music Festival with Ganeshotsava, 'Kumaravyasa Bharata - Virata Parva- Abhimanyu - Uttare's Parinaya' Vaachana by B.N. Swati, Vyaakhyana by Dr. B.S. Anil Kumar, **5.30 pm; Music concert by Vignesh Ishwar** from Chennai, along with Vittal Rangan on violin, Umayalapuram Shivaraman on mridanga and Guruprasanna on khanjira, **6.45 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 24)

Uttaradi Mutt: Discourse on 'Bhagavatha Proshtapadi' by Pt. Anirudhachargya Pandurangi, Uttaradi Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **8 am to 10 am.**

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP): 14th edition of Bombe Mane, Pratima Gallery, located above Aamrapali Sarees' Showroom, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**

JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, B.N. Road: Inauguration of Students Forum and Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's 103rd birth anniversary celebrations, Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary Prof. S.P. Manjunath presides, *Nudi Namana* by retd. IAS Officer Dr. C. Somashekar, Golden Jubilee Hall, **11.30 am.**

Government Women's First Grade College, Vijayanagar 4th Stage: Inauguration of Cultural, Sports, NSS, NCC, Scouts & Guides and Red Cross activities, Minister G.T. Devegowda inaugurates, College Principal Prof. B.K. Satish Babu presides, College premises, **1 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Vidya Ganapathi Mandali Charitable (SPVGMC) Trust, 8th Cross, V.V. Mohalla: 57th Heritage Music Festival with Ganeshotsava, 'Kumaravyasa Bharata - Virata Parva - Abhimanyu - Uttare's Parinaya-2' Vaachana- Dakshayini Nagesh Rao; Vyaakhyana – Padmini Hegde, **5.30 pm;** Sikkil Gurucharan's vocal recital with Vittal Rangan's violin accompaniment, Umayalapuram Shivaram on mridanga and Chandrashekhar Sharma on ghata, **6.45 pm.**

Dixit Aarogya Dhaama, Mysuru: Karnatak classical music concert by Aditya Jonnalagadda, a specially-abled boy, accompanied by Ruthvik on violin and Vikram on mridanga and a talk on 'Specially Abled Children - Challenges and Responsibilities' by Prof. B.N. Raveesh, Head, Department of Psychiatry, MMC&RI, Dixit Aarogya Dhaama premises, #12, Main Road, C Block, 3rd Stage, Vijayanagar, **6 pm.**

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC) Trust, Mysuru: Pallavotsava - National level Classical Dance and Music Festival, Jugalbandhi by Rohit Pradhan and Sitakant Jena (Bhubaneswar), **6 pm;** Odissi by Dr. Srinibas Ghatuary (Bhubaneswar), **6.50 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Radhika Iyengar (Bengaluru), Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7.40 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Venkatesha Sabha: Sri Vedanta Deshika's 750th Jayanti Mahotsava, Gandhapadi Utsava, Utsava, Veda Prabandha Parayana, Sri Lakshmi Ramanaswamy Temple, Mysore Palace premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Ashwathanarayana Temple Trust, New Sayyaji Rao Road: 41st anniversary celebrations, devotional songs by Vidu. Renuka Srinivas, **7 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja And Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Dashalakshana Parva of Badrapada Masa, discourse on 'Kshamaavali' by Dr. M.S. Padma, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm.**

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